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EX PARTE NOTICE

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ALLTEL Communications Inc., Petitions for Designation
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
CC Docket No. 96-45, DA Nos. 03-1881, 03-1882

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 9, 2003, Glenn S. Rabin, Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel for ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), and the undersigned, also representing ALLTEL, met with Lisa Zaina, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, to discuss ALLTEL's petitions for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia.

The ALLTEL representatives discussed why ALLTEL's petitions should be granted and answered questions concerning the petitions and the criteria that should be applied in ruling on ETC petitions. The views expressed by the ALLTEL representatives during the meeting tracked the positions set forth in ALLTEL's filings in these proceedings. The attached outline also was distributed.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter and attachment are being filed with your office for inclusion in the public record of the above referenced proceeding.

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If you have any questions regarding this *ex parte* notice, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

/s/ Cheryl A. Tritt

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cc: Lisa Zaina

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